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Creating Connecting Understanding



The U.S. Department of State's Edward R. Murrow Program for Journalists brings approximately 130 emerging international print, broadcast, and digital media journalists to the United States to share journalistic practices, examine foreign affairs reporting, and create new professional networks with media professionals in the United States. Begun in 2006, the program is an innovative public-private partnership between the Department of State, the Aspen Institute, and several top U.S. schools of journalism.

Program Details

Working with the Aspen Institute and leading U.S. journalism schools, the Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs developed a specialized International Visitor Leadership Program to engage young media professionals from around the world with their American counterparts and to highlight foreign affairs reporting and current issues. The participants attend an orientation in Washington, D.C., and then travel in smaller regional groups to partnering universities for academic seminars and field activities with faculty and students.

The participants also explore media coverage of state politics and government, civic and grassroots activism in other cities around the country. The 2012 Murrow Program (October 29-November 16) will conclude in Chicago, with visits to major media outlets and a symposium highlighting the outcome of the Presidential election and its impact on U.S. foreign and domestic policy. Since its inception in 2006, the program has brought more than 900 foreign journalists from approximately 90 countries to the United States.

Benefits of the Edward R. Murrow Program for Journalists

- Fosters mutually beneficial networks with fellow journalists within the same region and across the world, helping American and international participants reflect upon their role as journalists and the responsibilities of media in their societies.
- Cultivates a deeper understanding of journalism in the United States and the role of a free and independent media in a democracy.
- Furthers professional development and advances careers through exposure to new technologies and alternative media.

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PARTNER UNIVERSITIES A N D COLLEGES

Each year partner journalism schools design a specialized curriculum highlighting domestic and international journalistic principles and practices. The partnering universities in 2012 are:

- Walter Cronkite School of Journalism, Arizona State University
- · Manship School of Mass Communication, Louisiana State University
- Newhouse School of Public Communications and Maxwell School of Citizenship, Syracuse University
- Grady College of Journalism, University of Georgia
- School of Journalism and Mass Communications, University of Minnesota
- School of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
- · Gaylord College of Journalism, University of Oklahoma
- Reynolds School of Journalism, University of Nevada, Reno
- College of Communication & Information, University of Tennessee